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— REMARKS —

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Nguyen and Examiner Lavinder for the interview extended to Applicant's representative on November 14, 2003. In this paper, dependent claims 4 and 6 have been respectively incorporated into independent claims 1 and 5. A search of the PTO database resulted in more than 500 instances of the phrase "linear solenoid valve" in the specification of issued patents, including U.S. Patent No. 4,345,737 to Kawai et al.: "there is provided a linear solenoid valve actuation device for actuating a linear solenoid valve adapted to be displaced in accordance with the current supplied." See column 1, lines 44-47.

Pursuant to the agreement reached during the interview, this application is allowable. Such action is respectfully requested, and the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's representative to discuss any remaining matters.


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